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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS COMMENTARY ON TURKISH  
INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS HAS  
UNIFORMLY DECRIED GOT PRIMIN ECEVITS'S VARIOUS  
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STATEMENTS ON WILLINGNESS TO REACH A CYPRUS SOLUTION  
AND THE POSITIVE INTERPRETATIONS OF THOSE REMARKS BY  
SECRETARY VANCE, THE USG AND UNSYG WALDHEIM. CONSISTENT  
THERE IS THAT TURKS ARE CUNNING AND CLEVER AND WHOLE  
APPROACH HAS BEEN ORCHESTRATED FOR PURPOSE OF LIFTING  
OF US ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY.

2. JANUARY 16 COMMUNIST DIMOCRATIA

EDITORIALIZED THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT UNSYG WALDHEIM WAS TOLD, ECEVIT'S STATEMENTS ARE "MERELY A MANEUVER AIMED AT CREATING FALSE IMPRESSIONS, AT MISLEADING CONGRESS AND LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO". SOCIALIST ANEXARTITOS DEVELOPED SAME THEME, REPORTING THAT "NO SOONER DID WALDHEIM'S VISIT END THAN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON CIRCLES BEGAN TO EXPLOIT IT ... TALKING OF ENCOURAGING PROSPECT AND FORTHCOMING PROGRESS ...". RIGHTWING ALITHIA, STATING THAT ECEVIT "IS AS CUNNING AS A FOX AND AS GREEDY AS A WOLF," DESCRIBED HIS STATEMENTS AS A "WELL-CAMOUFLAGED POLITICAL BLUFF" AND "TRAP." THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT WALDHEIM HIMSELF DOES NOT CONCEAL HE HAS ALMOST BEEN CONVINCED OF TURKISH GOODWILL AND SINCERITY. INDEPENDENT KYPROS COMPLAINED THAT SECRETARY VANCE "HASTENED TO DESCRIBE THE 'NEW APPROACH' OF ECEVIT AS A GOOD CHANGE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY" EVEN BEFORE PROPOSALS BECOME KNOWN. PRO-KYPRIANOU ELETHERI KYPROS ARGUED THAT LIFTING OF EMBARGO BEFORE PROGRESS IS MADE TOWARD SOLUTION WOULD VIOLATE PLEDGES BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND CONGRESS UNLESS WHITE HOUSE REGARDED "MERE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR SOME FORM OF A SOLUTION...AS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR LIFTING OF EMBARGO."

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3. COMMENT: SUBSIDIARY THEME THAT IS BEGINNING TO APPEAR, SO FAR ONLY IN COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN HARVAGHI AND IN LARGEST CIRCULATION PHILELEFTHEROS IS THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CAN NOT BE RESUMED UNLESS TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE NOT ONLY CONCRETE, BUT "REASONABLE." IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER THIS NOTION WILL BECOME ESTABLISHED AS A FURTHER REFINEMENT IN GOC'S PRECONDITIONS FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS.  
END COMMENT.  
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